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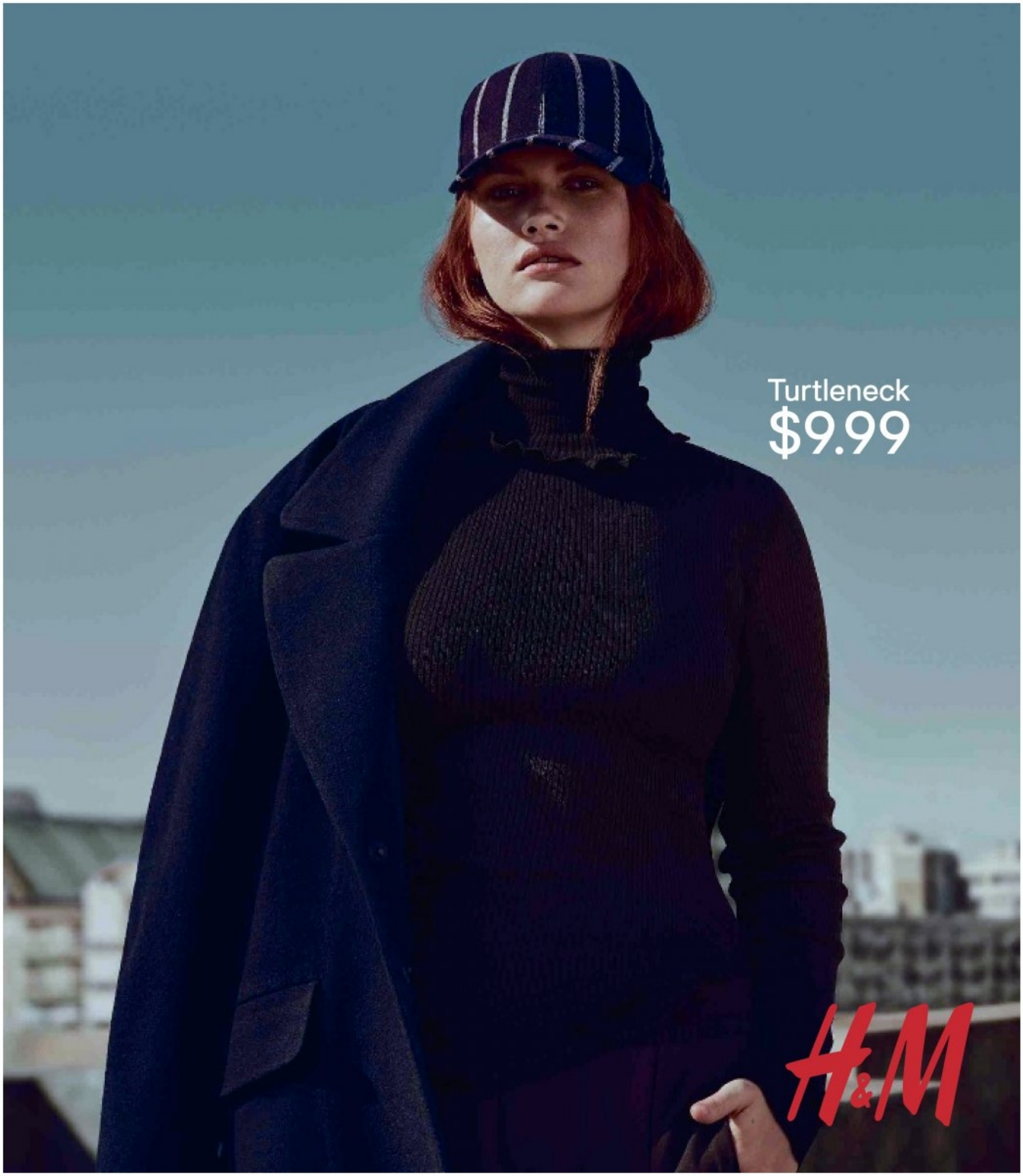
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MORE PARA, PLEASE

As Paralympians returning from Rio receive a warm welcome, some question the TV coverage — or lack thereof metroNEWS

Cheeky smuggler

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Employee accused of hiding gold — in his rectum

Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

The bizarre case against an employee accused of smuggling gold out of the Royal Canadian Mint in an unusually cheeky way wrapped up in an Ottawa courtroom this week.

Leston Lawrence, 35, is accused of smuggling $180,000-worth of gold "pucks" past security in his rectum while working as a refinery operator at the mint.

Surveillance tapes, wire transfers, Lawrence's financial records and a "vaseline cocoa butter jar" were all are submitted as evidence during the trial, according to court records.

After being arrested, Lawrence was forbidden from communicating with the staff at Ottawa Gold Buyers on Carling Avenue, where he sold the stolen pucks for cash.

In the end it wasn't the mint's security system that caught Lawrence, according to an Ottawa Citizen report, but an observant bank teller who was suspicious of the gold checks. When she saw he worked at the mint, she notified the RCMP.

Defence lawyer Gary Barnes was incredulous that Lawrence would be able to fool the intense security system at the mint. Since the investigation, those security systems have been updated, according to spokesperson Christine Aquino.

Those updates include cameras switched over to high definition is all areas of the mint. They're also working on "behaviour observation" and "robust scanning" training.

A decision in the case has been scheduled for Nov. 9.

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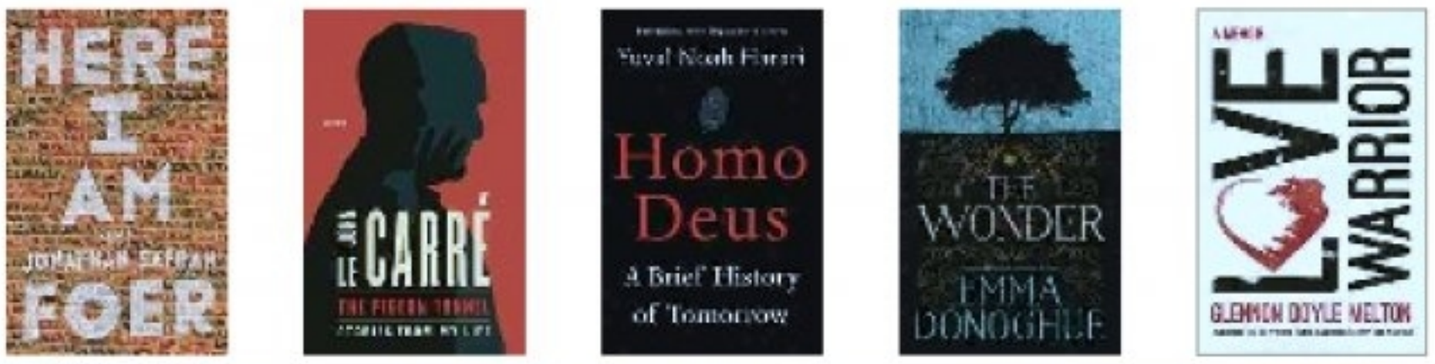

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1 Kathleen Chenier, a resident of Manor Park Estates for two years, sits in her front lawn porch swing on Wednesday.

2 Another house in Manor Park Estates includes stained wooden furniture, a welcome sign, a small shed and a tiny water fountain.

3 Many of the homes include extensive landscaping, including paving stones and gardens.

4 One home on the street includes a full wicker patio set and barbecue.

5 Marcel and Gisele Boulaine's front stoop includes a sheltered paved area for barbecuing that they installed themselves. ALL PHOTOS HALEY RITCHIE/METRO

Tenants fight to keep little havens

HOMES

Landlord plans to remove yard landscaping by Friday at 9 a.m.

Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

Residents living in the Manor Park Estates row houses say they are ready to defend their patio furniture, barbecues, stepping stones and porch swings from an east-end landlord fed up with front lawn landscaping.

Earlier this week, Anand Aggarwal, owner of Manor Park Management, left a "final warning" notice in mailboxes, warning that anything left out in the yards would be removed starting Friday at 9 a.m.

None of the houses have backyards but around half have built-up front yards — many include substantial wooden decks, privacy screens, barbecues, paving stones and outdoor patio furniture.

Kathleen Chenier has lived on the street for two years. Her front yard patio includes paving stones that were already installed when she moved in, a swinging chair and a flower garden.

> For each of us it's an extension of our home, this is our own little fortress of solitude. Kathleen Chenier

"If they come and tell us to take it down, I'd like my money back," said Chenier. "It's been very frustrating. So many of us put so much time in and so much money in to make our front yards look good. The houses look nice and we want the outside to look good as well."

"We spent about half the day here, letting the dogs out," she said. "I will take any action needed because I'm not changing anything."

Chenier said there is no part of the lease that forbids furniture or barbecues on the front lawn.

"We're making it feel homey, it's our space. We don't have a backyard. For each of us it's an extension of our home, this is our own little fortress of solitude."

Aggarwal said the notice was sent out to make sure the properties look clean, and to make it easier for contractors who are unable to mow the lawns.

"Some do a good job and others not so good," he said in a written statement. "I want to keep my project clean and looking good. It starts with a tenant bringing a couple of chairs out, keeps piling tables and heavy furniture and garden sheds. It is getting out of hand."

He said the notice will be sent out block by block.

Marcel and Gisele Boulaine, who have been living in their home for 25 years, haven't received a notice yet either. They said they won't take any note seriously unless it's dated and has letterhead from the company.

The Boulaines said that while some houses do have clutter in their front yards, they mow their own lawns, their tidy patio set is meant for the outdoors and the barbecue is stored safely.

RENEWABLE ENERGY

Hydro Ottawa getting green with city's solar energy projects

Evelyn Harford
For Metro | Ottawa

The sun has risen on a new solar project between the city and Energy Ottawa.

Energy Ottawa, a subsidiary of Hydro Ottawa, announced their installation of solar panels on eight city buildings Wednesday as part of a large-scale solar energy project.

The large-scale installation came after the success of the 2010 pilot project, where smaller solar systems installed at city hall and one other building. Hydro Ottawa said the renewable energy generated from the panels would reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 41,382 metric tonnes over the 20-year-term.

The eight solar systems on city buildings is the first large-scale solar project for the city, said Bryce Conrad, president and CEO of Hydro Ottawa.

The energy produced from the panels is equivalent to removing 300 homes from the grid each year and city is expected to receive $1.7 million dollars over 20 years from the project, said Hydro Ottawa.

Mayor Jim Watson said the city's revenues would come from the rental costs of the roofs.

Watson said this partnership between Energy Ottawa and the city is only the beginning.

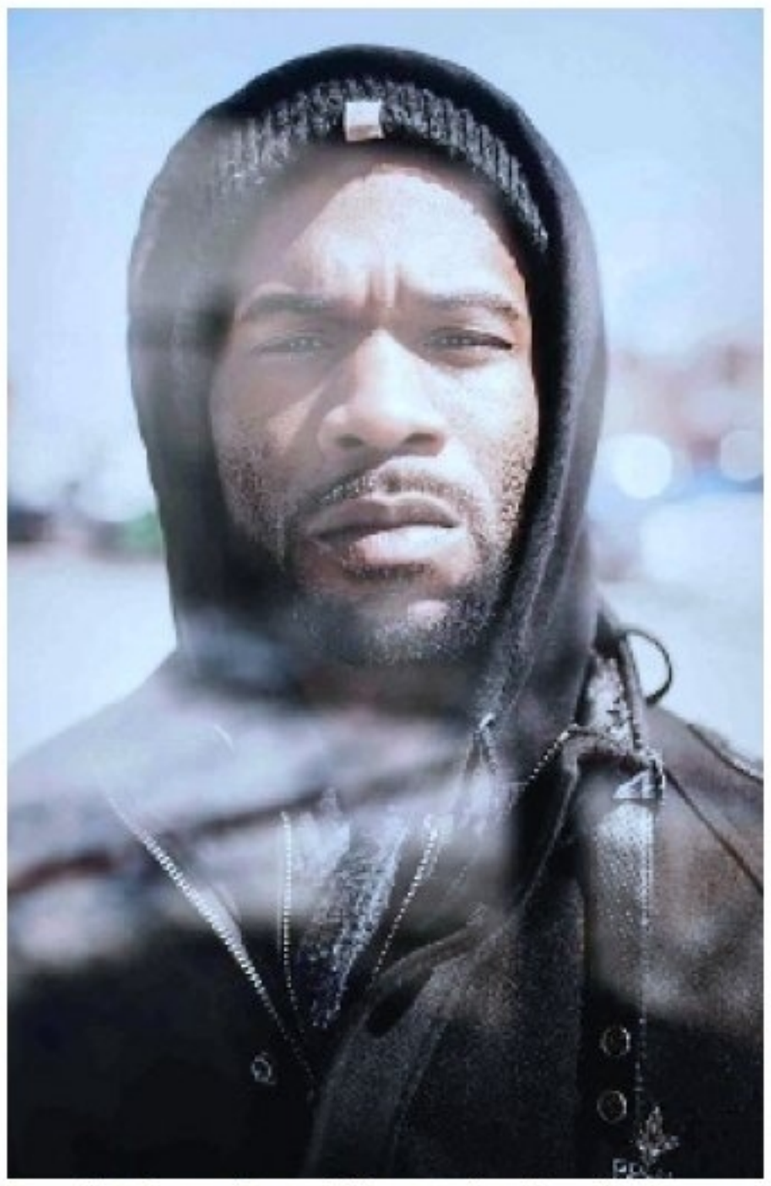
The ultimate goal is put solar panels on all city buildings, that can accommodate the panels, as long as it makes financial sense — and so far, it does, he said.

"Installing solar panels on municipal buildings just makes sense."

Conrad said the cost of solar has reduced dramatically, which is why cities like Ottawa are able to have large-scale solar projects.

When the panels become more affordable solar projects will become more widespread, said Conrad, who added that the province has foot the bill for this project.

Watson said the city has made a commitment to green energy and will continue to look for ways to reduce our carbon footprint — so long as it's in the budget.



Kwende Kefentse (Memetic) is set to drop his politically-charged remix this Friday at D'Afrique in Ottawa. CONTRIBUTED

TIMEKODE to drop

BACKSTAGE PASS

Police, black community altercations sparked tune

Trevor Greenway
Metro | Ottawa

Kwende Kefentse could no longer sit around and say nothing.

After several fatal police altercations involving members of the black community, including the tragic beat down of Ottawa's Abdirahman Abdi, the Ottawa DJ and producer felt a sense of duty to make a statement, both personally as a member of the black community, and creatively as a purveyor of art.

"DJs have a role in society, they occupy space and make people dance," says Kefentse, known behind the 1s and 2s as Memetic.

"We saw this as an opportunity to say something when there is something to be said. A DJ's job is not to create social discourse, but saying nothing about these things is a political decision as well."

The co-creative director at TIMEKODE, Ottawa largest, longest running independent club night, started laying down beats in February of this year for what would later become TIMEKODE X Volume 2: Montreal, set for release this Friday at D'Afrique Restaurant & Bar.

Memetic has transformed a soulful love song, Running From Your Love, by Montreal's Freak Motif into a provocative, deafening and thoughtful hip-hop track, groovy enough to make you dance and conscious enough to make you think about each step.

"This is a public service announcement," the track states a few seconds in before the beat drops and Emcees Bender and Hyfidelik start dropping lyrical bombs as poetic as A-Plus and as political as 2Pac.

"Abused women getting strip searched and tortured, shoot to kill and maybe you ain't getting warned first," raps Bender over beastly drums and a sinister grooving baseline.

"Not just a few bad apples no more sir, it's time we take a f—ing axe to the whole orchard."

Ottawa illustrator/graphic designers Colin White and Kalkidan Assefa's striking album cover for TIMEKODE X Volume 2: Montreal. CONTRIBUTED

The original track by Montreal's funktagon Freak Motif is a funk-driven tune centred around the complications

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a politically-charged track

between the relationship of two people, and how what is supposed to be a positive, safe space has become volatile territory.

Memetic saw similarities between that relationship and the crumbling one between police and the black community. But perhaps even more jarring to him is the public's response to violence against black residents, especially when millennials pay more attention to Pokémon Go or Brangelina's divorce than what's really happening in front of them.

"I don't know if there is a problem between communities of colour in Ottawa and the police, but there is certainly a problem with the way these instances are handled and the public reaction to it."

Memetic used the example of the fatal beating of Abdi and compared it to the recent cycling death of Nusrat Jahan, who was killed Sept. 1 while cycling on Laurier.

"Immediately after the cyclists' death, there was a press conference, public outcry, municipal councillors were rallying outside of city hall, there was media and articles about the safety of truck and bike accidents," says Memetic, adding that that type of reaction was fair and warranted. It's the type he wants to see when a member of a coloured community is killed.

"When Abdi got killed, there was none of that. No immediate rally in front of city hall, there were no articles about police and communities of colour. There was just quiet. This wasn't reported on for three days."

What Memetic is really talking about here is accountability. With the cycling death, everyone felt a sense of duty to stand up for the safety of all cyclists, but he feels the same outcry wasn't echoed for Abdi.

"Look at what happened," he says.

"When it happens to someone else, there is accountability. This track speaks to the public reaction around the wrongful deaths of people in communities of colour."

Memetic knows he won't change the world with one track, one party or one beat, but he hopes that, at the very least, people will think about the lyrics in the new track, ponder them, absorb them, feel them and one day, act on them to make the world a safer place. If he can start that process on the dance floor, then people will be going home all the wiser.

"We want to make people turn up and think about the world they are going to walk out into after the party is done," he says.

"The dance floor is a dynamic place. People are not going to have an epiphany on the dance floor, it's more after the fact, when they are at home listening to the lyrics, they might realize it then."

The new TIMEKODE release also boast remixes of The Last Question by Montreal's avant-funk outfit dArk mAAt'r, with vocals from acclaimed Montreal jazz artist Malika Tirolien, plus the first vinyl solo remix by prominent Montreal DJ Scott C of The Goods.

Vinyl copies of the release will be available Friday night at D'Afrique. Tickets are $10 for the show.

Crowds bump during TIMEKODE's last monthly event. CONTRIBUTED

PUBLIC EDUCATION

Teacher faces disciplinary hearing

Rebecca Williams
Metro | Toronto

An Ontario high school teacher is facing a discipline hearing for allegedly saying a variety of inappropriate things to her students.

According to a document from the Ontario College of Teachers (OCT), Jennifer Elizabeth Green-Johnson, an English teacher at Dunnville Secondary School, repeatedly made foul-mouthed comments to students, not only asking a teen to "lick me where I fart" but also calling one student a "bloody pedophile."

Green-Johnson was suspended without pay for one month while she awaits a disciplinary hearing slated for Sept. 23.

It's not the first time she has found herself the subject of a disciplinary hearing.

A different OCT document from January also outlined different accusations of verbal, physical or psychological abuse dating back to 2011 to which Green-Johnson pleaded no contest.

She admitted to calling students stupid, idiots and "a bitch."

While seeing a male student being carried by another on his back, she told him: "So you like it from behind."

She also made comments about to her class about the size of an actor's penis while they watched a film containing nudity.

The hearing for these separate incidents took place in January but was made public when it was published September in Professionally Speaking, the OCT's magazine.

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Heaven Stewart in the driveway of her home daycare where toys and play structures were taken after a Kijiji ad falsely listed the items as free for the taking Tuesday. JUSTIN TANG / FOR METRO

Two charged in fake toy ad

POLICE

Urged people to haul away daycare items, all replaced

Emma Jackson
Metro | Ottawa

Ottawa police have charged two people in connection with a fake "free toys" ad that targeted a Bells Corners home daycare.

Ottawa police have charged Timothy MacLean and Nancy Blondin with theft under $5,000, conveying false information and mischief after a fake Kijiji ad claimed Heaven Stewart's home daycare toys were free for the taking.

None of the allegations have been proven in court.

Stewart says the pair are her neighbours, and live two doors down from her Bells Corners home.

"I was kind of hoping it wasn't who we thought it was, because we all live here," Stewart said. "They're the ones that were pointing fingers at others the whole time, and really it was them."

> **We got so much we actually gave back, too.**
> Heaven Stewart

Stewart came home to an empty yard July 24. Toy structures, water and sand tables, a picnic table, and a teeter-totter had gone missing and a trampoline had been destroyed.

When Stewart's teenaged daughter noticed the Kijiji posting, she sent the ad to her mother, who contacted police.

It read: "FREE TOYS closing home daycare...we got them for free so we are passing them on to someone who can use them. First come first served NO EMAILS must be gone by 4 PM then we are donating them. Please leave trampoline. Help yourself...thanks."

The ad listed Stewart's address.

After news of the fake ad made headlines, a community toy drive replaced the daycare's toy stock — and then some.

"We got so much we actually gave back, too," said Stewart, who said the extra toys went to Goodwill and women's shelters.

"We didn't need all that."

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CRIME

Men arrested in drug probe
Police arrested two men on drug and gun charges in connection with an alleged Ottawa drug ring. Another five were arrested last week.

Police say the drug ring was supplying locations in northern Ontario with drugs.

Alan MacDonald was arrested Sunday in Toronto, while Khalilulah Iriken turned himself in to Ottawa police on Tuesday night.

They and the other five men face more than 75 gun and drug charges combined, including drug trafficking and possession of a firearm. METRO

More riders taking deals on the bus

More people are taking transit, but they're paying OC Transpo less.

Transportation general manager John Manconi confirmed Wednesday that ridership in the first six months of 2016 enjoyed a slight bump over 2015.

But with more people choosing cheaper monthly passes instead of single-ride fares, the transit operator actually pulled in less money per person than predicted.

According to a mid-year budget update tabled Wednesday, OC Transpo had a revenue shortfall of $2.7 million by June 30, which is expected to grow to $4.2 million by the end of the year.

Those losses will be offset by savings of $7.5 million, largely thanks to lower diesel and compensation costs.

Ridership has stagnated at about 97 million passenger trips since 2013, after a sudden drop from a high of 103 million trips in 2011. Systems manager Pat Scrimgeour said ridership during the most recent 12 months was higher than in 2014.

But Manconi said OC Transpo is "being cautious" about the slight uptick.

Regular monthly passes and discount rates for seniors, students and people on disability are all subsidized, and it's difficult to predict how many people will opt for those options over the more expensive cash fares, Manconi said

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The amount that OC Transpo has saved this year thanks to lower diesel and compensation costs.

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OC Transpo's projected revenue shortfall for 2016.

More people are taking transit in Ottawa, but they're opting for cheaper monthly passes. EMMA JACKSON / METRO

The O-Train 'bugaboo'

TRANSIT

Stations need digital displays, says councilor

Emma Jackson
Metro | Ottawa

Ever sprint for the O-Train only to sit in the station for another 10 minutes?

That could soon change, thanks to a push from Coun. Diane Deans to install real-time departure displays at the five Trillium Line stations.

"This has been an ongoing bugaboo for me," Deans told the transit commission Wednesday.

The line was expanded to include passing tracks in 2015, allowing four trains to run at a time. But now the trains must wait at Greenboro or Bayview stations for the all-clear before heading out, making schedules inconsistent, Deans said.

And the waiting trains can unnecessarily spur passengers into a panicked sprint.

"Can we not somehow tell the passengers when the trains are going to leave?" Deans asked.

According to transportation general manager John Manconi, yes, we can.

But staff must wait until Rideau Transit Group chooses its own digital display system for the LRT line opening in 2018, so the O-Train integrates properly.

Still, Manconi said the O-Train's displays "aren't tied to Confederation Line" and could very likely be installed earlier. He wouldn't commit to a timeline.

Funding would come from the city's existing budget and new federal public transit infrastructure money. The O-Train upgrades have been a point of contention for councillors and residents concerned they haven't produced the promised eight-minute trip times. The best OC Transpo has managed so far is an 11-minute trip.

Deans said she's dropped that battle, but departure displays could at least provide some predictability.

Manconi argued that with trains now arriving every five minutes, customers can wait in a climate-controlled vehicle instead of on an outdoor platform.

Deans said that's not the point. "Get on with it, because we need that system," she said.

The O-Train station.
EVELYN HARFORD / FOR METRO

OPEN HOUSE

Ottawa Hospital wants pubic input on new campus

Got a thought on The Ottawa Hospital's new Civic campus? There's an open house Thursday that will showcase 12 possible sites for the new Civic.

The open house will be held at the Canadian War Museum from 3 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. It includes a 90-minute presentation and question-and-answer session beginning at 7 p.m.

METRO

Paralympics TV coverage taken to task

SPORTS

Exposure is up but should be better: Athletes

Evelyn Harford
For Metro | Ottawa

As Canadian Paralympians return from Rio, it raises the question — how does unequal coverage impact para-athletes?

"Obviously we want it to be equal, but now the games are going up online," said Patrice Dagenais, the co-captain of Team Canada's wheelchair rugby team, who returned to Ottawa from Rio early Wednesday morning.

"It's important for us to have support because we work just as hard, if not harder than Olympians," he said.

Dagenais said that the coverage for para sports has improved since he competed in the 2012 Olympics in London.

"In London, only three or four of our games were shown; this year they were all online," he said — but admits it would be nice for his games to be televised.

Martin Paray, a former teammate of Dagenais, said though most para sports were available online through CBC this year, he's frustrated that Canadian sports networks don't cover wheelchair rugby.

"TSN had f— all," he said. "I mean, come on, it's a Canadian heritage sport."

And Dagenais' girlfriend, Tracy Flyn, agreed. "It sucked it wasn't on TV," she said.

And as a co-ordinator for Equestrian Canada, Flyn was made well aware of the unequal sports coverage of the Paralympics. She said she wasn't able to watch the para horse riding competitions at all — even online.

"We couldn't even watch our athletes," said Flyn. "We even had an athlete fall off their horse and we had to find out through social media."

Tina Collins, on the accessibility committee for the township of Russell, where Dagenais is from, said she feels sad that para-athletes don't get the same treatment as able-bodied athletes.

"It's not fair," she said. "It's unfortunate and sad because this is the way our society is."

Collins said broadcasting more para sports would help Canadians appreciate all athletes who work and train hard to represent their country.

Patrice Dagenais, co-captain of Team Canada's Paralympic wheelchair rugby team, is greeted by friends and family upon his return from Rio. EVELYN HARFORD/FOR METRO

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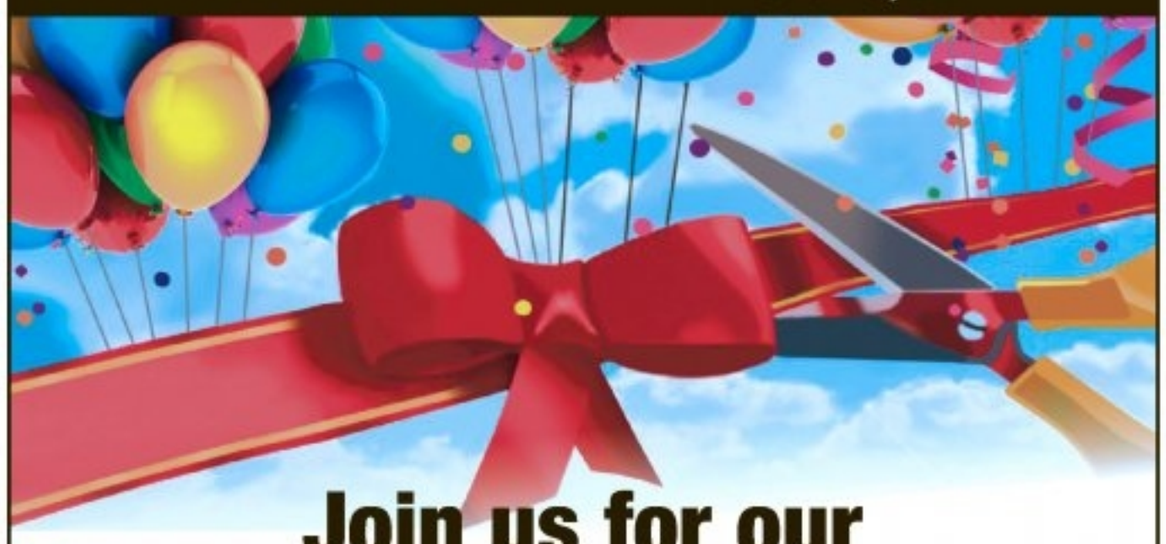

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Protesters take aim at PC Leader Patrick Brown for supporting the sex-ed curriculum. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Brown faces parents' ire

POLITICS

Group calls out PC leader on his support of sex ed curriculum

A couple hundred parents gathered outside the Ontario legislature Wednesday to protest a Liberal sex-ed curriculum, but unlike previous rallies some of their ire was also directed at Progressive Conservative Leader Patrick Brown.

They say Brown courted them to win the leadership race last year, and has now flip-flopped to support the curriculum.

The new curriculum included updates such as warnings about online bullying and sexting, but protesters have taken issue with discussions of same-sex marriage, masturbation and gender identity.

Brown told social conservatives last year that he would "repeal" the curriculum — a promise he never made publicly, until a letter went out under his name in a byelection earlier this month saying he would "scrap" the curriculum.

But Brown has disavowed the letter, saying he did not see it until after it went out and that he now supports the curriculum.

The crowd of protesters booed Wednesday when speaker Charles McVety mentioned Brown's name and said he wants a refund of the $10 party membership he bought because of Brown.

Tanya Granic Allen of the group Parents as First Educators says she had discussions with Brown's chief of staff during the byelection about what commitments the leader could make to win her group's support.

Brown says he disagrees with her version of events, but has not given his own.

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IN BRIEF

Gun salute marks visit of Chinese official

That booming sound you heard near Confederation Park Wednesday was a 19-gun salute to mark the visit of a Chinese official.

Li Keqiang, premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, is in Ottawa and Montreal from Sept. 21-24 for an official visit.

Four C3 Howitzers were positioned near the eastern end of Confederation Park as part of the gun salute.

Lawrence Freiman Lane and the Laurier Street on-ramp were closed for about five minutes during the gun salute. METRO

BUSINESS

Ex-Invest Ottawa chief takes up a new job

David Sali
Ottawa Business Journal

When he stepped down as head of the city's main economic development agency in late June, Bruce Lazenby vowed he wouldn't be "retired" for long.

True to his word, Lazenby is back.

The former CEO of Invest Ottawa and tech firm FreeBalance launched the next — and perhaps final — stage of his public career Wednesday morning as the new head of business development at the Regional Group.

For Lazenby, the opportunity to help one of the city's largest real estate management companies expand its portfolio was too good to pass up.

Despite managing more than 1,100 condo and apartment units and nearly five million square feet of commercial, industrial and retail space, the Regional Group feels it has been "flying under the radar" since it was founded 55 years ago, he said.

"They want to change that," Lazenby said.

"They want to start doing more and bigger deals, and they think I can help with that."

In his five years at the helm of Invest Ottawa, Lazenby relished a role he referred to as the capital's "VP of sales."

Before leading Invest Ottawa, Lazenby spent years as an executive in the city's technology sector.

He plans to use his experience in the worlds of tech and marketing to full advantage in his new position.

Led by president and CEO Steve Gordon, Regional is hoping to make greater inroads with technology companies — a sector Lazenby believes many landlords in Ottawa have overlooked.

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Carleton student finds new dino

Emma Jackson
Metro | Ottawa

A Canadian dinosaur's 80-year identity crisis is over after a Carleton PhD student discovered a 1930s skeleton wasn't what it seemed.

Brad McFeeters was studying the ostrich-like partial skeleton, collected near Alberta's Dinosaur Park in 1934, which was assumed to be a Struthiomimus Altus.

But on closer inspection, McFeeters noticed some clear differences in the bone structures of the animal's feet, pelvis, jawbone and tail that suggested he was dealing with a new species.

"I don't know if it would really influence what it looks like alive," said McFeeters. "But collectively it adds up to being a new dinosaur."

He has now described the new Rativates Evadens in the Journal of Vertebrate Paleontology. He said the new species would be a very close cousin of its 80-year doppelganger.

> **To have only two ostrich dinosaurs, it seemed like it was something that could be wrong.** Brad McFeeters

It would have resembled a modern ostrich, but with long, fingered arms and a long tail. At five feet tall, it would have weighed about 200 pounds.

McFeeters said the discovery adds another layer to the ostrich-like species group, which is "understudied" and is much less diverse than other groups, with only two previously identified individuals.

"To have only two ostrich dinosaurs, it seemed like it was something that could be wrong," McFeeters said. "This is a good first step in kind of untangling some of the diversity."

The ostrich-like **Rativates Evadens** lived in the Late Cretaceous, 10 million years before dinosaurs died out. COURTESY ANDREY ATUCHIN

Teens wing it as bird babysitters

EDUCATION

Students take to parenting class like a duckling takes to water

Erin McCracken
Metroland Media

Kaliopi Konstantakakos gingerly places her adopted charge on the floor outside of her classroom.

She walks away down the hall, glancing back as she calls to Daisy. The fluffy golden duckling quickly skedaddles behind her human mother, her wings flapping as she tries to keep up.

The hallway at St. Patrick's Catholic High School is filled with the sound of peeping birds as students in the Grade 11 Raising Healthy Children class demonstrate how their feathered babies have already imprinted on their human moms and dads.

"She won't eat if I'm not near her," Kaliopi said, adding that Daisy also prefers to sleep with her at night instead of in her cardboard box.

The Grade 12 student added the parenting class to her schedule this year out of a desire to gain experience she will need to one day open her own daycare. The 17-year-old is one of nine students who signed up for the week-long duckling pilot project.

The hands-on parenting experiment — a first for St. Pat's — began Sept. 14, the day after the ducks hatched from their eggs at Mariposa Farm in Plantagenet, located east of Ottawa.

Teacher Julie Slinger was inspired to try out the idea thanks to a similar experience she had as a student in a high-school biology class.

The teens have embraced round-the-clock-care, feeding and cleaning up after their babies, making sure they're tucked in at night and taking them everywhere — on the bus to and from school, carting them to classes and bringing them on errands.

"It shows us what it's like to have a real child, except that it's a duck," Kaliopi said.

Kaliopi Konstantakakos, 17, holds adopted duckling Daisy. ERIN MCCRACKEN/METROLAND MEDIA

IN BRIEF

Carleton professor writes Marion Dewar biography

There's a new biography out about long-time Ottawa mayor Marion Dewar.

The book, written by Carleton University professor Deborah Gorham, is called Marion Dewar: A Life of Action. It launched Wednesday night as part of the Ottawa Writers Festival.

Dewar also served as a New Democrat MP and activist. She was an advocate for non-profit housing, public transportation and the arts. Dewar died in 2008. METRO

SAFETY

Vandals attack bridge fence

Evelyn Harford
For Metro | Ottawa

Security guards survey the damage. EVELYN HARFORD / FOR METRO

Just hours after the city installed a chain-link fence to keep people off the Prince of Wales Bridge, it was busted open.

Now, Kitchissippi ward Coun. Jeff Leiper, who said he's disappointed by the recent vandalism, is pleading with people to keep off the bridge so the city doesn't have to spend more money to install a more extensive barrier.

The city spent $46,000 to put up the chain-link fence on Tuesday after Transport Canada told the city to "permanently close" the bridge last year, citing safety concerns.

Leiper said the chain-link fence was a sensible and cheaper solution to the problem. But he said there's a limit to the city's patience when it comes to vandalism on the bridge.

Every repair and every break-in will cost money and put people's safety at risk, said Leiper.

The cost to fix the gate after the break-in is minimal, but if the city has to continually send staff to make repairs the city may have to go back to its original plan — $250,000 impassable barrier, said Leiper.

Mayor Jim Watson, who was visibly frustrated by the vandalism on Wednesday, said people need to, "start following the law, respect the fact that (the bridge is) a safety hazard and stop wasting taxpayers dollars by going out there and breaking public property."

Leiper admits that if someone wanted to get on the bridge they could, even with the chain-link fence, but said the signage and the fence is "sufficiently clear" that people shouldn't go onto the bridge.

> **Start following the law.**
> Mayor Jim Watson

And if the fence keeps being left in a state of disrepair, the city could have an obligation to enhance the barrier, he said.

Until such time, Watson said, security will be amped up around the bridge and trespassers should expect fines and charges.

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Wireless emergency alerts could come soon

PUBLIC SAFETY

Association says it would take a year and $25M to establish system

A mobile emergency alert was sent to New York area residents, warning of a man suspected in two local bombings. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Mobile phone alerts warning Canadians of life-threatening emergencies in their area could be available within two years, wireless industry representatives say.

A version of the mobile alerts, in place in the United States since 2012, was used on Monday to warn New York-area residents of Ahmad Khan Rahami, the 28-year-old suspected in a pair of weekend bombings.

New York Mayor Bill DeBlasio said afterwards the mobile warnings were "very helpful in this instance, getting that message out broadly, putting everyone on alert."

The alerts are similar to brief text messages, explaining in fewer than 90 characters what the emergency is and what action, if any, should be taken. Users receive a visual notification on their screen and a ring that is specific to emergency alerts — if their cellphone's sound is on.

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) is examining the possibility of wireless public emergency alerts warning Canadians of severe weather, emergencies involving crime, as well as environmental or industrial threats.

A handful of federal departments are funding a pilot project in Durham Region to gauge the technical function of, and user response to, the alerts.

Beginning in April, approximately 20 mock alerts were sent to designated group of mobile users, comprising about 100 emergency responders, students, small business-owners and people with special needs such as hearing impairment.

After each message, recipients were asked to complete a survey about their experience. The final test alert was sent Wednesday.

Data collected during the pilot project will be turned over to the CRTC and a working group of federal and provincial emergency officials, who will determine the next steps, said Tyler Cashion, owner of a telecom business contracted to help lead the test program.

The Canadian Wireless Telecommunications Association, which represents Bell, Rogers, Telus and nearly 100 other wireless carriers and technology firms, said the public alerting system should be mandatory for all Canadian wireless carriers.

But the association estimated it would take about a year, and up to $25 million, for wireless companies to establish a nationwide alert system, once the CRTC gives them the go-ahead.

Wireless Emergency Alerts have been in use in the United States since April 2012, arising from the Warning, Alert and Response Act, passed by Congress in 2006. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

EDMONTON

'Freemen' follower faces paper terrorism charge

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

Police in Edmonton have laid Canada's first ever charge linked to a "paper terrorism" campaign.

Allen Boisjoli, 45, of Vegreville is associated with the Freemen on the Land movement and faces charges of intimidation of a justice official.

Police allege Boisjoli attempted to place a $225,000 lien on a police officer's personal property after that police officer gave him a speeding ticket in May 2015.

They said while others have been charged with intimidation before, they believe this is the first time a charge has been linked to unlawful paperwork.

Freemen, who don't recognize government or authority, often use the tactic of overwhelming courts with documents to try to have charges against them dismissed or withdrawn, said Det. Rae Gerrard.

Gerrard said the documents Freemen present have no legal force, but used to make the justice system drop the case.

Freemen reject the notion that current laws have any force over them.

"The Freemen, and Mr. Boisjoli in particular in this case, they use a plethora of documents that mean absolutely nothing. They're just cutting and pasting from all over the internet," he said.

The investigation, based in Edmonton as that's where Boisjoli filed his documents, took eight months to complete, but Gerrard said it was worth pursuing.

"When we look at people who are attempting to subvert our entire criminal justice system for their own ends, then we have to see that as very serious," he said.

Gerrard said he hopes the charge sends a message to people who espouse this ideology.

> **We have tolerated the Freemen and the Sovereign Citizens to a certain extent and now that level of tolerance has come to an end.**
>
> **Det. Rae Gerrard**

It 'wasn't a good feeling'

metro EXCLUSIVE

Trans football player says job lost in part to media attention

Haley Ryan
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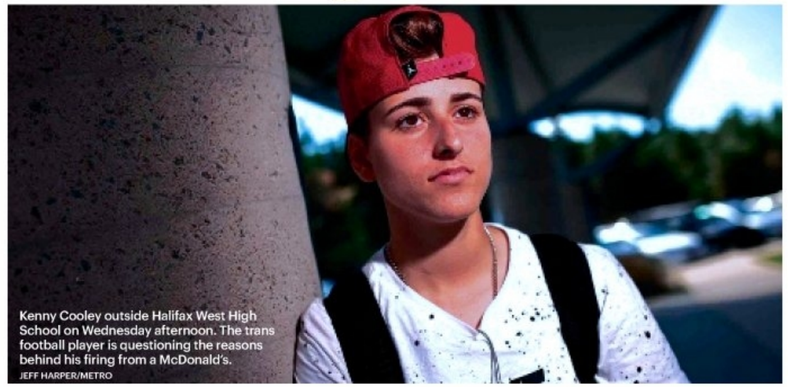

Kenny Cooley outside Halifax West High School on Wednesday afternoon. The trans football player is questioning the reasons behind his firing from a McDonald's. JEFF HARPER/METRO

A Halifax high school football player who made headlines around North America for being the first trans player on his team says he was let go from McDonald's, partly due to that media attention.

Kenny Cooley, a 17-year-old student at Halifax West, said two days after his story first appeared in Metro on Sept. 12 he was called into the McDonald's on the Bedford Highway where he'd worked since April.

Cooley said he was told that his employment was being terminated "one because of the media, and two because we had some schedule mishaps," he said during an interview Wednesday.

When asked about Cooley's dismissal on Wednesday, a McDonald's spokesperson did not confirm he had been let go from that Bedford location but forwarded an emailed statement from the owner operator, Bob Smith.

Smith said he was "shocked by these allegations as they are simply not true."

"I have been a local business owner for more than 25 years and I pride myself on operating an open and diverse workplace. At my restaurants, inclusion has always been an important part of my work culture. Our philosophy has always been to 'bring your whole self to work.' By doing so, we encourage an open and accepting workplace that allows everyone to contribute their personal best," Smith's statement said.

After first told by Metro, Cooley has had his story picked up by international outlets like ABC and The Washington Post, as well as national ones like CTV National and The Canadian Press, and gotten positive feedback since then, he said.

It "wasn't a good feeling" to be let go for those two reasons last Wednesday, Cooley said.

"It was like a really uncomfortable setting … it kind of made me feel really bad," he added.

As for the scheduling mishap, Cooley said he had thought it was resolved when it happened two weeks ago. It revolved around Cooley having a schedule that read a different shift time than the one his McDonald's manager had.

Metro went to the Bedford store on Wednesday evening and asked to speak to the restaurant manager, but was told by a staff member she was "unavailable" to speak, but they were working on a statement with their lawyers.

Soon afterwards Metro received the statement from Bob Smith.

Cooley said his mother is thinking of taking his case to the Labour Board to see whether it qualifies as wrongful dismissal, and he agrees.

It's not that he wants money or compensation per se, Cooley said, but would like an apology from the store and McDonald's.

"It's not right," Cooley said.

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1 tax haven, 3 banks, 2,000 offshore companies

A new leak of tax haven data lists firms that may be legitimate, but the sheer number has drawn the attention of watchdogs concerned about the relationship Canada's banks have forged with island tax havens TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Three of Canada's big banks have registered nearly 2,000 offshore companies and private foundations in the Caribbean tax haven of the Bahamas, according to newly-leaked corporate records obtained exclusively in Canada by the Toronto Star and the CBC/Radio-Canada.

RBC, CIBC and Scotiabank appear conspicuously throughout the database of 175,500 corporate registrations on the island nation, which has earned an international reputation as one of the most secretive financial jurisdictions in the world.

According to the data, RBC registered 847 companies, CIBC registered 632 and Scotiabank registered 481 in the Bahamas between 1990 and this past May.

The leaked records provide details behind the intimate relationship Canada's banks have forged with island tax havens over the past five decades.

There are legitimate reasons for setting up corporations offshore in traditional tax havens. And there is no evidence of any illegal activity in the corporate registration records, which were obtained through a leak to the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ) and German newspaper Süddeutsche Zeitung and shared with the Toronto Star and the CBC.

> **"The Bahamas is the worst of the worst."** Mark Morris

"Why are there so many companies registered and such a high volume in a jurisdiction that doesn't have the population base or the economy to support it?" asks Richard Leblanc, a corporate governance expert and professor at Harvard and York Universities

All three banks defended their Bahamian business by saying they employ strict controls and monitor accounts to detect any sign of illegal activity.

The Bahamas has been a particular concern for international watchdogs.

"The Bahamas is the worst of the worst," says Mark Morris, an independent tax consultant based in Zurich who specializes in international tax agreements.

Unlike 103 other countries, including well known tax havens, the Bahamas has, to date, refused to sign a global treaty that the OECD calls the "most powerful instrument against offshore tax evasion and avoidance."

For over a century, Canadian bank executives have played an instrumental role in shaping the banking laws in tax havens, said Alain Deneault, a professor at the Université de Montréal and author of Offshore: Tax Havens and the Rule of Global Crime.

Starting in the early 19th Century and right through to the establishment of the modern offshore system in the 1960s, Deneault says, "Canadian banks customized the legislation in Caribbean tax havens for their purposes: they are states made to allow large companies and wealthy individuals to avoid paying tax."

Canadians in the Bahamian registry

Federal finance minister William Morneau and mining giant Sherritt International are among the prominent Canadian names that appear in the leaked Bahamian corporate registry.

Bill Morneau ADRIAN WYLD/ CANADIAN PRESS

Both say their choice to operate in the Bahamas was for legitimate business reasons.

Morneau, who was elected to Parliament last October, currently appears as the director of a Bahamian subsidiary of the human resources firm he headed before being elected. Cabinet ministers, like all MPs, are forbidden from sitting on corporate boards by the Conflict of Interest Act.

Morneau's office provided documents showing he resigned as director of Morneau Shepell (Bahamas) Ltd. on Oct. 26, 2015 — a week after the election and nine days before he was appointed Minister of Finance. Almost a year later, Morneau's resignation has still not been recorded in the Bahamian corporate registry due to clerical delays.

"Prior to being sworn-in as Minister of Finance, he officially resigned from all boards and has worked with the Ethics Commissioner to ensure all conflict of interest rules are followed," says a statement from Morneau's spokesperson.

The statements adds: "Minister Morneau is committed to ensuring that all Canadians pay their fair share of taxes, as he has always done."

Catherine Ronberg, a spokesperson for Morneau Shepell, said the Bahamian subsidiary was not established to avoid taxes. The company set up an office in Nassau to extend their pension consulting business to governments across the Caribbean.

Sherritt International, a mining and energy company, has made no secret of its reliance on tax havens. Any change in the laws and agreements that allow this money to flow from the tax havens to Canada tax-free would have "a material adverse effect on the Corporation's financial performance," it states.

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Racial tensions flare in Charlotte

NORTH CAROLINA

Mayor and police chief make appeal for calm

Charlotte Mayor Jennifer Roberts speaks after a night of violent protests following a fatal police shooting. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Authorities tried to quell public anger and correct what they characterized as false information Wednesday after a night of looting and arson added Charlotte to the list of U.S. cities that have erupted in violence over the death of a black man at the hands of police.

With officials refusing to release any video of the shooting of 43-year-old Keith Lamont Scott, two starkly different versions emerged: Police say Scott disregarded repeated demands to drop his gun, while neighbourhood residents say he was holding a book, not a weapon, as he waited for his son to get off the school bus.

The killing inflamed racial tensions in the city.

As Charlotte's white mayor and black police chief stood at City Hall and appealed for calm, African-American leaders who said they were speaking for Scott's family held a news conference near where he was killed on Tuesday, reminding the crowd of other shootings and abuses of black men. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Witnesses sought in bombing case

Officials are looking for these two men. AP

Investigators of last weekend's bombings have released an image of two men who took a suitcase they found on a city street, without realizing a pressure cooker they removed from it and left behind could have blown them up.

Police stressed they were being sought as potential witnesses in the case, not as suspects.

Ahmad Khan Rahami is charged with detonating a pipe bomb in a New Jersey town on Saturday and a pressure cooker bomb in New York City. A second pressure cooker bomb didn't explode and is the subject of the public plea. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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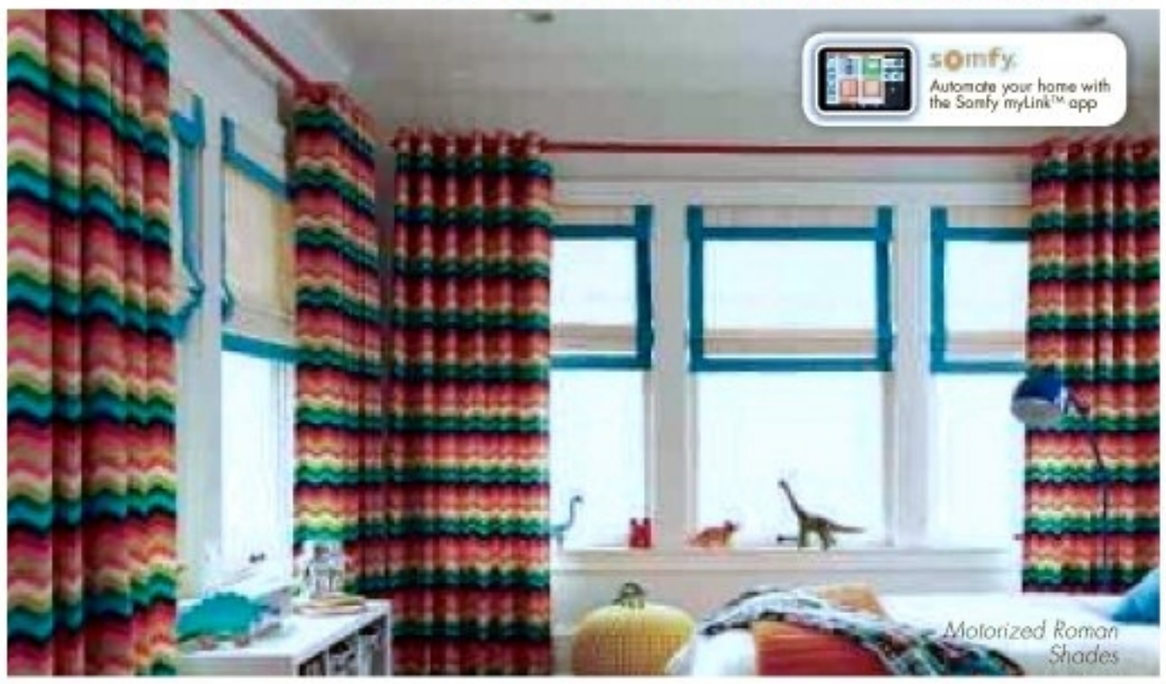

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CHANTAL HÉBERT ON THE PM'S RETURN TO THE HOUSE

Trudeau did not have a strong message to deliver to Parliament as it gets down to fall business, except possibly to hint that MPs and senators should not expect to have more than cameo roles in the policy developments of the coming season.

If one were to rate a prime ministerial news conference based on its shock value, the one Justin Trudeau gave on the occasion of his return to the House of Commons for the fall session of Parliament on Wednesday would not be worth grading.

Trudeau was last in the House in June. If anything has happened over the ensuing months to alter the prime minister's thinking on some of the major files the government has punted to the fall, he was not out to share that over the 20 minutes he spent answering two dozen media questions pertaining to the fall agenda.

With upcoming negotiations on health-care funding and climate change mitigation on the agenda, the federal-provincial front is expected to heat up over the next few months. Trudeau's season-opener was not designed to pre-emptively cool provincial passions.

Provinces such as Saskatchewan or Quebec, whose governments are becoming increasingly vocal in protest over federal intentions on carbon pricing in the first case and health-care funding in the other, will parse the transcript of the prime minister's news conference in vain for the shadow of an olive branch being extended in their direction.

The Trudeau government has never shied away from publicizing its actions, but it's no more averse than its predecessors to doing so selectively

Nor did Trudeau have a strong message to deliver to Parliament as it gets down to its fall business, except possibly to hint that MPs and senators should not expect to have more than cameo roles in the policy developments of the coming season.

In opposition, Trudeau repeatedly promised to make Parliament more relevant than it had been under his Liberal and Conservative predecessors.

He must hope the House will be a more easygoing place than it has been traditionally, for he has just handed the task of keeping the government on track in the Commons to a parliamentary rookie.

He could have used the press conference to throw a bone to the opposition parties. They have been calling for the peacekeeping mission(s) that Canada is expected to sign up for over the next few months to be put to a vote in the Commons.

But on Wednesday, the prime minister twisted himself into a pretzel to avoid providing a clear answer as to his intentions.

In theory, the latter should be a no-brainer. Jean Chrétien introduced take-note parliamentary debates (which carried no vote) on Canada's peacekeeping missions in the mid-1990s. On Stephen Harper's watch, parliamentary votes on Canada's military deployments then became a staple.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau answers a question during Question Period on Wednesday. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Retired Liberal senator and lieutenant-general Roméo Dallaire — one of the Liberals' go-to authorities on peacekeeping policy — is advocating a parliamentary debate and a vote on the issue. Trudeau heads a majority government. The outcome of such votes would not be in doubt.

But they would raise the profile of the Liberals' peacekeeping initiatives and the Conservatives' contention that they are props the in government's campaign for a temporary seat on the UN Security Council.

While Trudeau leads a government that has never shied away from publicizing its actions, it is also no more averse than its predecessors to doing so selectively — sometimes hiding newsworthy developments in plain sight or dumping them in the public domain in the dead zone of a late Friday afternoon.

At his news conference and in question period, the prime minister had to defend his decision to negotiate an extradition treaty with China. After his visit to China, that change in Canadian policy was publicized — without fanfare — on the government's website. It had been a long-standing Chinese demand that previous governments turned down on the basis of Beijing's poor human rights record.

On Wednesday, Trudeau gamely pointed out that Canada already had extradition arrangements with other countries — most notably the United States — that uphold capital punishment. He said his government would never agree to extradite someone who would, as a result, risk execution. He did not get into the somewhat different U.S. and China takes on what constitutes the rule of law.

If there was a point to Wednesday's news conference, beyond allowing the Prime Minister's Office to tick off a box on its media relations' to-do list, it may have been to lay out a Canadian rationale for the controversial extradition-treaty negotiations ahead of the arrival in Canada of Premier Li Keqiang later that day.

He is the first Chinese leader to come to Canada since 2010. If the issue comes up over the course of the single joint news conference of the three-day visit, Trudeau will be able to respond that the question was asked and answered.

Chantal Hébert is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro on Thursdays.

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

Cheese may not be your dish of choice but it's a lot better than poison

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's UN speech this week held two opportunities: His, to impress the world with a Canadian-branded optimism (he did), and the media's, to tear down his sunny rhetoric (they pounced).

But I have a question for all those painting the speech as "boy scout" fluff: Are you mad that it was unspecific, that it was positive, or that, in reality, Trudeau's walk is far behind his talk?

The first and last gripes are valid. The middle is not.

Sure, Trudeau's got higher-minded words than on-the-ground results thus far. "No government in history has done more to repair the relationship with First Nations," Trudeau told reporters yesterday. To which Vice's Justin Ling responded: "Chill."

With the backslapping, sure. But with the goal? Of course not. Of course that should be the aspiration.

Maybe you don't believe Trudeau actually wants to make the world a better place. Maybe you don't think he can.

But for God's sake, how can you possible argue against the goal? How can you wish for a prime minister who isn't so blatantly in favour of human decency? What is supremely irritating about commentary around Trudeau's speech is not that journalists might point out where he is failing to meet his own standards; it's in their sneering suggestions that it's ridiculous to even try.

Of course you can't blindly trust any government. And in so many ways Trudeau is disappointing — in the Saudi arms deal, in long delays in bringing in refugees, in aiming no higher than Stephen Harper on climate change.

But have we no nuance? Have we lost all sense of degree? Do you really want someone running this country who doesn't believe Canadians can help the world? So why are you searching for a puke bucket when our leader says we can? Cheese might not be your favourite, but it's a lot better than poison.

Cutting down Trudeau's optimism with abandon leaves the door open for rhetoric far more perverse and far more damaging. In the U.S., reporters are struggling with the fact that in so thoroughly ripping Hillary Clinton's past to shreds they've made it harder to see that she is, despite her serious and many flaws, not even in the same stratosphere of terrifying as Donald Trump, who has received scrutiny but less than his share.

Again, it's the inability to deal in degrees. To communicate what is rotten, without suggesting that what's half-spoiled is comparable to what's already a gooey decomposing mess. It's the inability to take seriously what might actually do us some good in a candidate, or leader.

Trudeau's failures are and will be well documented, as they should be. But that is no reason to cackle as we vandalize the things he's doing right.

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Making the Pitch for pro sports

OPINION

New Fox series could make or break hopes of future athletes

Amber Dowling
Torstar News Service

In a world where women tennis players are often included in "Hot 100" lists and a Google Image search of the Women's National Basketball Association turns up a "pretty players" category, female athletes are still severely under-represented. Ignored, even.

Things are slowly improving. Women's soccer and hockey teams have started gaining momentum thanks to strong North American Olympic runs. There are now female coaches in the NFL and NHL. And this summer, baseball players Kelsie Whitmore and Stacy Piagno were signed to the Sonoma Stompers; the first time a woman was admitted to the MLB since three women played in the 1950s Negro Leagues.

But it's on television where real change may be happening. This fall, female athletic representation on TV kicks up a notch thanks to the new Fox series Pitch, from creators Dan Fogelman (Crazy, Stupid Love) and Rick Singer (Younger).

It premieres Thursday at 9 p.m. on Global.

The show, which is already getting a lot of pre-premiere buzz, revolves around Major League Baseball pitcher Ginny Baker (Canadian Kylie Bunbury). In the pilot she's called up to the big leagues for a highly publicized debut but gets into her own head and buckles under the massive pressure.

"It's one thing to be the team that called up the first woman," actor Mark Consuelos says in the pilot. "It's another thing to be the team that picked the wrong woman and turned this entire thing into a disaster."

The sentiment could apply to Fox itself, which took a risk investing in a series about a female ballplayer. If it tanks in the ratings, there are those who would argue that females don't belong in "male" sports in general.

It's that sort of reasoning that makes Pitch's critical and ratings success key for female athletes itching for future opportunities.

In the past there have been a small handful of series revolving around women in sport (Make It or Break It's gymnasts vying for the Olympics or the short-lived 1993 sitcom Phenom about a 15-year-old pro tennis player, for example). But they've tended to focus on teenage audiences rather than being more encompassing adult dramas. That could be why none of them have garnered the type of publicity that Pitch has received, a feat that automatically ups the ante come premiere time.

Unfortunately, the pilot does have its kinks. While Bunbury is perfectly cast as the lead and has obviously spent time nailing the mechanics of throwing a baseball, her origin story could use some work. There's too much emphasis on her father (actor Michael Beach) driving her to succeed and not enough focus her own motivations and desires. This is a woman who has supposedly grown up loving the game; it's important to showcase that joy and not drown it in a political statement.

Canadian Kylie Burnbury stars as a Major League pitcher in Fox's new series Pitch, premiering Thursday at 9 p.m. CONTRIBUTED

Co-star Mark-Paul Gosselaar has done a great job ditching his Zack Morris persona thanks to a heavy beard (he's unrecognizable), but there are hints at a spark between his character and Ginny that threaten to derail the whole thing. If we're trying to get away from sexualizing female athletes, throwing a romance into the mix doesn't exactly jive. Not to mention it plays into the idea that women can't just be buddies with male teammates.

But for all the kinks, there's a solid foundation that could actually make a difference in public perception about women in sport and baseball in particular.

Pitch includes naysayers who believe women shouldn't mix with men in the pros. At the end of the first hour, the antagonists have been painted as chauvinistic and ignorant.

Having MLB behind the series helps, as it allows for the use of real uniforms and logos to lend the series authenticity. Future instalments are expected to feature cameos from real-life ball stars, something that helps build excitement with baseball fans.

Ginny Baker isn't the hero of each game (in some cases she's the goat), but she's a full-fledged team member who has become a hero to many watching her.

If this is indeed "a true story on the verge of happening," as the show's tag line suggests, having a well-rounded character at the centre can help prep an audience for a real-life milestone.

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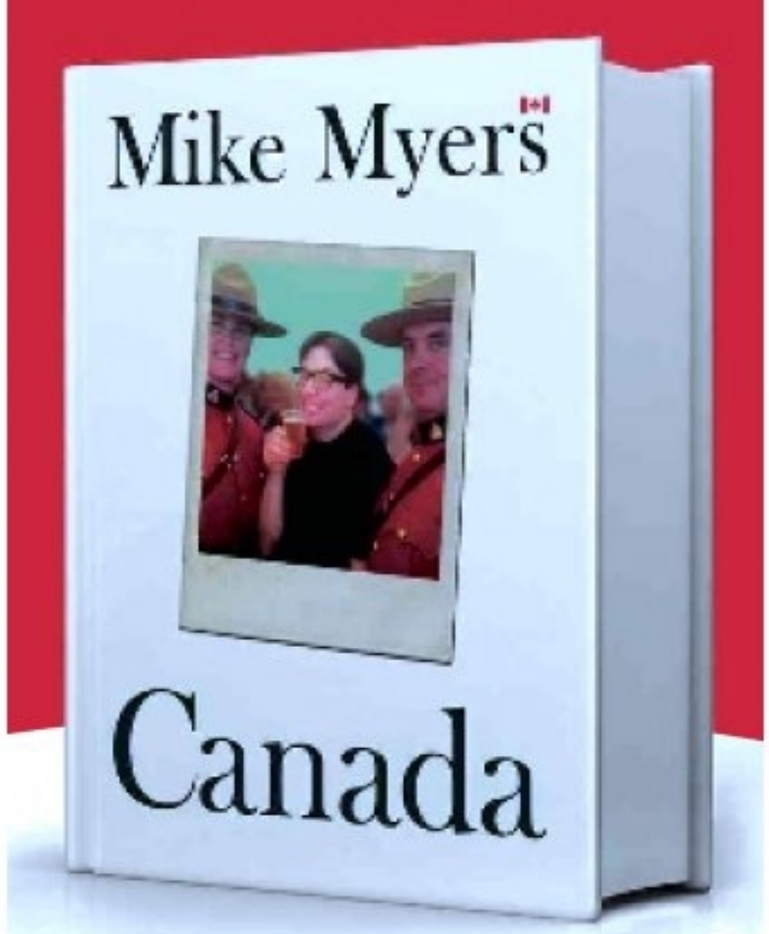

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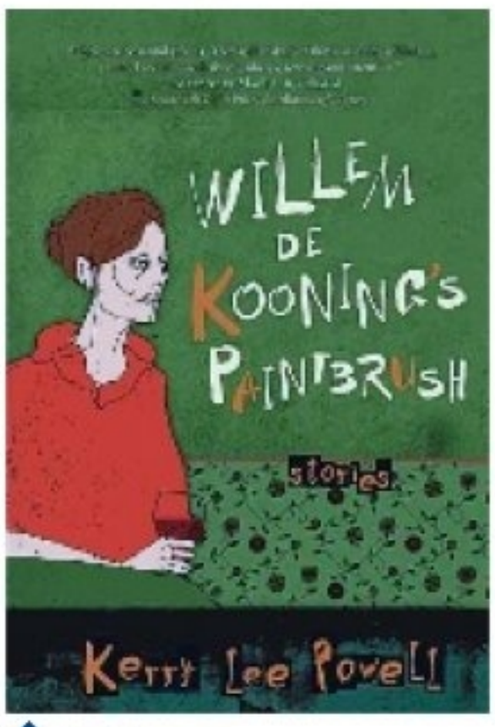
5 SHORT FICTION DEBUTS YOU NEED TO GRAB NOW

From the shores of an island in Northern Ontario to tip of the Mojave Desert and the fringes of modern society, these are five first-time collections published in recent months (including a Giller nominee) that are grabbing a whole lot of attention. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

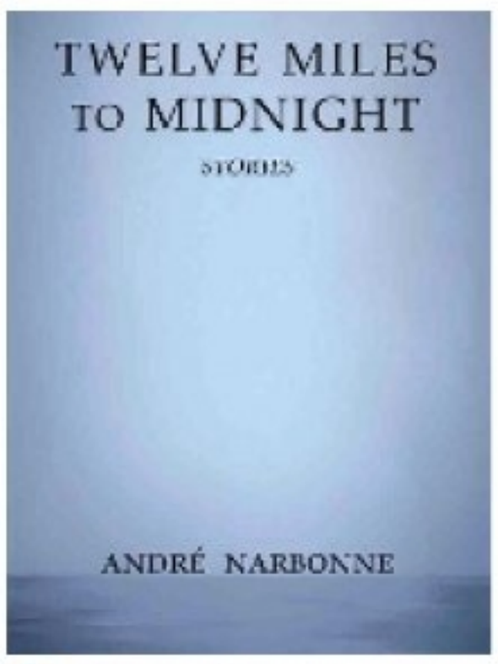
1 Travel

Kirsteen MacLeod's engaging debut, **The Animal Game**, features nine stories linked by their central characters, a Toronto woman and her Brazilian partner, Antonio. The other constant is travel — to Brazil, where they live for a time, to Canada, the Bahamas and to India, where the female narrator seeks enlightenment. MacLeod, from Kingston, writes with insight and affection.



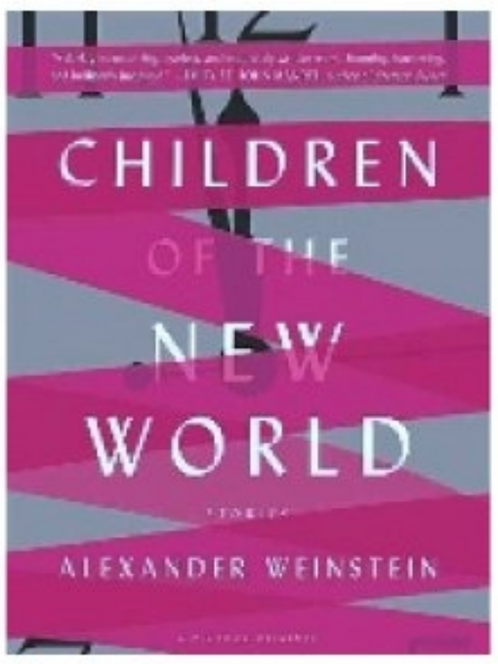
2 Fringe

The men and women who inhabit the vivid and quixotic stories of **Kerry Lee Powell's** collection **Willem de Kooning's Paintbrush** are often grasping the fringe — strippers, bullies, drunks, addicts. Even when they hold it together, their lives are off-kilter. This 15-story collection is on the longlist for the 2016 Giller Prize.



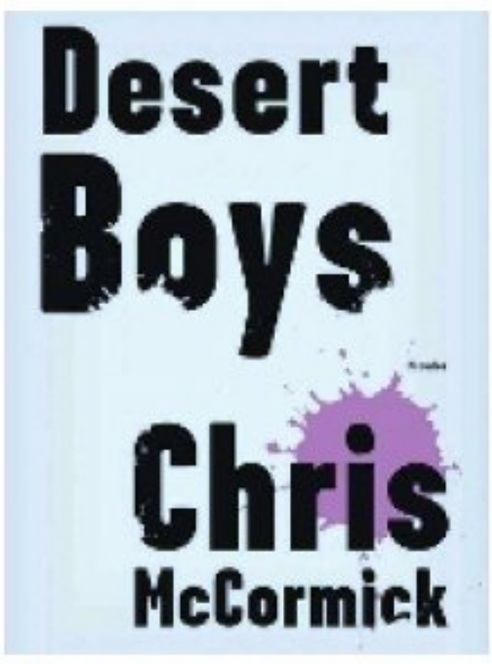
3 Growth

A number of the stories in **André Narbonne's** first collection **Twelve Miles to Midnight** are about a youngster named Derek who comes with his mother to live on an island in Northern Ontario. Narbonne writes authentically and acutely about moments in his characters' lives. A former marine engineer, he teaches English and writing at the University of Windsor.



4 Sci-Fi

Science fiction of the highest order — that's the only way to describe **Alexander Weinstein's Children of the New World.** The "New World" of the title story is a downloadable reality where visitors experience intense physical connection. Weinstein is the director of the Martha's Vineyard Institute of Creative Writing.



5 Coming of age

The connected stories in **Desert Boys** combine to form a classic coming-of-age story, set mostly in two California locales that **Chris McCormick** knows well: the Antelope Valley, the western tip of the Mojave Desert, where McCormick grew up; and San Francisco, where he studied at UC Berkeley.

When math is used for 'evil'

INTERVIEW

Wall Street worker sounds alarm on algorithms

Genna Buck
Metro | Toronto

Lots of people like to whine about how little they use math in real life. But in real life, math is constantly using us — or at least, our data — and most of the time, we don't even know it.

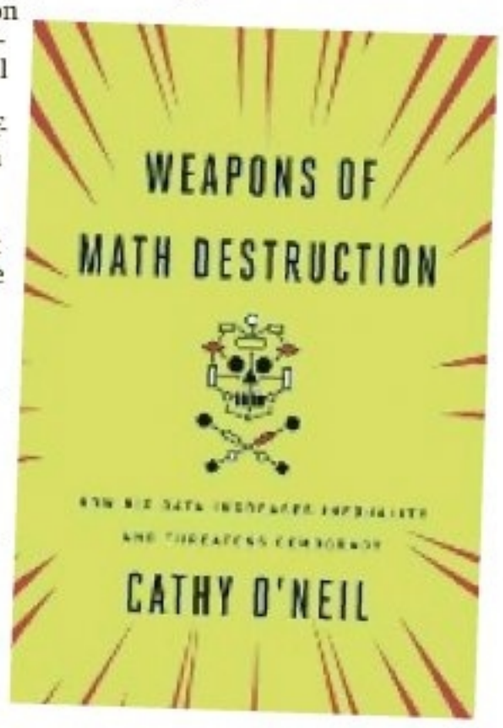
A decade ago, American math professor Cathy O'Neil left her job in academia to become a "quant" at a hedge fund, a job she says made her feel dirty.

She realized that a silent technological revolution was going on deep in computer code. Sophisticated, often secret mathematical formulas, called algorithms, are making decisions about people's lives — from employment to teacher evaluation to how long your phone company keeps you on hold.

One particularly egregious example: recidivism scores. These mathematical models use personal and demographic data to predict how likely a convict is to re-offend. A higher score equals a longer sentence. But the data you feed the computer to get the score — like the crime rate in a person's neighbourhood, and whether they have friends and family with criminal records — varies widely by race and class.

Metro spoke to Cathy O'Neil about the "weapons of math destruction" she believes are threatening democracy and social equality.

Did you have a moment when you realized, "People are using math for evil ends"?
The light bulb moment was when this venture capitalist came to my company. He spoke about this vision of the future of advertising as this beautiful thing where people like him would get offers for trips to Aruba and he would never have to see another University of Phoenix ad (a for-profit college that's been sanctioned by the U.S. Justice Department for predatory recruitment practices), because that's not for people like him. When he said that, everyone laughed except me. I felt sick to my stomach.



Which "weapon of math destruction" was most appalling to you?
The one that kept me up at night for weeks was the recidivism risk model in the justice system. People are being sent to prison for longer because they have higher scores, which we have every reason to believe are racist. You'd have someone who was born in the wrong place, and was therefore going to jail for longer, compared to someone who was born in the right place who'd done the exact same thing.

I can see how this would create a sort of snowball ...
It's a cycle that is actually creating its own reality. You get a higher-risk score, you get a longer prison sentence. Guess what? You no longer have connections to your community. You have a felony, which means you don't get a job, your credit score is shot; you're very, very desperate. And then you go back to jail.

Here's what I would like to see: Look at how much higher the recidivism scores are of poor black people who've committed a certain kind of crime, compared to rich people.

Then ask why. What is it about their situation that makes their score higher? If we thought about it that way, it wouldn't be "Your score's higher, so we're going to punish you." We'd say "Your score's higher, what's wrong with your situation that you can't get out of this loop?"

They're somehow expected to take responsibility for their score. In fact, all of these things are very much society-wide issues.

Is there a good way to use big data or is it just too blunt of an instrument?
Right now, it's too crude. But I personally am developing auditing tools to determine if an algorithm is discriminatory. (A company) will be able to say they have a resume-sorting algorithm that has been tested — and it's not doubling down on people who are already discriminated against.

Is the problem that many people don't understand, or are scared of math?
It's like a blind faith. It's somewhere between faith and intimidation. The people who know how to use math are in, like, a secret cult, and they like feeling magical. People who don't understand it never ask any questions because they feel like they're not smart enough.

Is there any point trying to keep our personal data out of big data?
I say this as an activist but not somebody who's really being targeted: No. People who've had a constellation of bad luck are the least equipped to protect themselves. Imagine a world where rich well-off educated people with spare time get to protect their data, but everyone else doesn't. (Through policy) we have to protect the least well-off people. My data is fine.

I want individuals to feel they have the right to question algorithms that score them.
Cathy O'Neil

McBride goes back to the big, bold city

INTERVIEW

Irish writer's second novel a tale of growth and transition

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada

When Eimear McBride's debut novel A Girl is a Half-Formed Thing burst onto the scene in 2013, it was immediately lauded for its radical style and subversive story. But for McBride, this wasn't an overnight success.

Despite the international best-seller status, the critical fanfare declaring the Irish writer a modern-day James Joyce, getting this book published was no small feat. McBride was only 27 in 2003 when she completed the manuscript about a young woman's relationship with her dying brother, written in a fractured style that played with structure, grammar and narrative. Despite the stack of rejections, McBride persevered; 10 years later she found a publisher willing to take a risk on such a challenging read.

Meanwhile, in 2007, three years after completing A Girl is a Half-Formed Thing, McBride started working a new novel. She hadn't written since then; it took time to get her "writing muscles back in working order." While her first book only took six months to write, The Lesser Bohemians — which was inspired after McBride and her husband moved back to Ireland from London — took nine years. McBride, who hails from a small Irish town, was very homesick for her adopted city, and began thinking a lot about when she first arrived in London as a teenager during the 1990s to attend drama school. It was the heralded decade of "Cool Britannia," of Britpop bands like Blur and Oasis and the emergence of artists like Damien Hirst and designer Alexander McQueen.

"It was a very particular atmosphere at that time. There was a lot of things going on, a lot of change, and also for myself," McBride says. "When you're in your late teens and you move away by yourself for the first time, you have tremendous romanticism for life in the big city."

The Lesser Bohemians gets deep inside the head of 18-year-old Eilis, a teenager from a small Irish town, who after arriving in London to attend drama school, meets Stephen, an older theatre actor of some renown, and engages in a volatile love affair. Though the novel is far from autobiographical, McBride was inspired by her own memories.

"It's such a huge moment in life when you start making decisions that will affect the rest of your life and the person that you will become," she says. "It's very powerful and you're also very vulnerable, but you don't realize that until much later in life. As a teenager you have all these emotions and your mind is racing but you don't have any sense of perspective."

The Lesser Bohemians tracks the relationship between the two characters mostly through their physical relationship. Each sexual encounter is described in explicit detail, but always through Eilis' stream of consciousness, whether she is exhilarated by the experience, or devastated by jealousy. When asked about whether writing sex scenes are a challenge, McBride laughs, acknowledging the pitfalls — no author wants to end up on the Literary Review's annual Bad Sex in Fiction shortlist.

"I approached it the same way I approach everything else. I knew it had to be about the connection of the body and the internal life of the characters," she says. "Writing about physical activities is pretty run of the mill. But when the sex is there to express character, there to help the reader learn more about who these people are, then that's the point it becomes interesting."

McBride was aware that she was setting up an archetypal relationship — a naïve young woman falling for an older, sexually experienced man — but she bursts that paradigm by giving Stephen a long monologue that will both shock and build empathy, once again playing with readers' expectations. "For me, it's about finding the humanity in those situations," she says. "This is not just one of those stories, and he's not just one of those guys."

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.

Eimear McBride's new novel took her back to her own early days in London in the "Cool Britannia" era. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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GRAPHIC NOVEL

Quiet wit, stark art prove charming

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Mooncop
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Tom Gauld's charming graphic novel Mooncop is understated, subtle, and a little treasure.

The unnamed hero is, unsurprisingly, a police officer on the Moon. But his duties are few and his pressures are likewise: everyone is leaving, and he is sad.

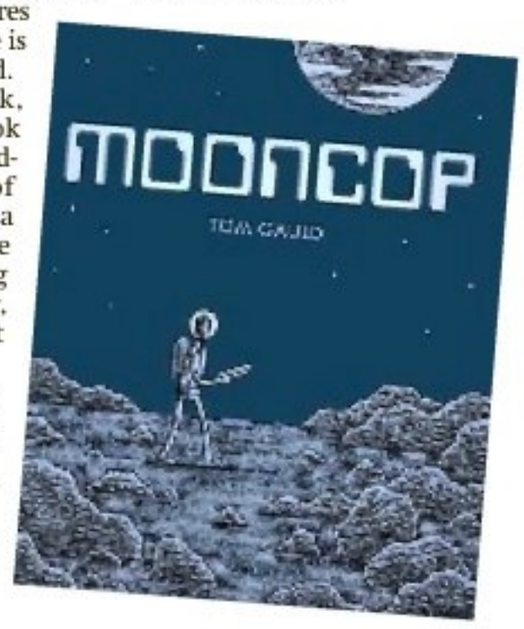
Drawn in a stark, simple style, this book is an easy but rewarding read. It's full of satisfying gags, like a dog in an air bubble and a malfunctioning doughnut dispenser, but, weirdly, almost nothing happens.

The real value is in the nothingness, much like the vacuum of the Moon itself.

The mooncop drifts through life, apparently unable to understand why everyone isn't like him and largely unconcerned.

Gauld, perhaps best known for his strips published in The Guardian newspaper, uses a simple palette in colour and illustration, along with dry humour and matter-of-fact storytelling.

This treatise on the value of solitude and silence will make you enjoy just sitting alone to read it.



BOOK BRIEF

Ralph Lauren working on memoir, scheduled for next fall

Ralph Lauren, one of the giants of modern American fashion, is working on his autobiography.

Simon & Schuster told The Associated Press on Wednesday that it will release the book in fall 2017, in conjunction with his company's 50th anniversary. The book is currently untitled.

"His style is instantly recognizable to even the most casual observer, a triumph of business savvy and esthetic sensibility that is unmatched anywhere," Simon & Schuster CEO Carolyn Reidy said in a statement.

"How Ralph Lauren's business became the epitome of American style is one of the great cultural stories of our time," added Simon & Schuster publisher Jonathan Karp.

Famed for his company's polo-pony motif, the 76-year-old Lauren has combined Americana, ruggedness and refinement to create an upscale look and a lifestyle known worldwide.

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If you stay organized, the wedding show will bring you even closer to your dream wedding. WEDDING PALACE SHOW

How to experience the wedding show

NAVIGATE THE AISLES

Try to make connections to get the most out of your day

Michelle Williams

Attending a bridal show is a great way to meet the people you need to create your dream wedding. You'll come face-to-face with top vendors, bring yourself up-to-speed on the latest trends and styles, and instinctively feel a step closer to walking down the aisle.

Despite the opportunities, the hustle and bustle, and wide selections, can overwhelm you, the bride, and your bridal party tag alongs. Here are some tips to guide you through the aisles.

Get organized. "Before the show, make a list of everything you still need for your wedding, then look at the list of exhibitors and note those you want to see there," said Amanda Andrews, president of the Wedding Palace Bridal Show in Ottawa. "Allow at least two to three hours to give yourself enough time at the show."

Bring your friends. "Bring along a couple of your bridesmaids to help you pick up brochures, talk to vendors or just be part of the fun," recommended recent bride Brooke Cafaro.

Happy feet! Skip the heels! Wear really comfortable shoes so you aren't focused on painful insteps, added Andrews.

Get there early. You'll beat the rush and meet vendors when you (and them), are fresh, suggested exhibitor Brian Henry, president of Quality Entertainment Services Inc.

Take notes and photos. You'll see lots of interesting things and talk to several people. "By the time you get home, it may all feel like a bit of a blur, so be sure to take lots of notes and pictures," said Andrews.

Stop and talk. "Talk to as many vendors as possible," said Henry. "Each will provide different prices, services and helpful information." Schedule future appointments with those you want to talk to after the show.

Collect lots of info. "It's the best reminder of everything you learn at the show," said Henry. Make notes on the brochures to remember the details of each discussion. "Note the names of people you talk to, especially if they talk about a special offer."

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PLANNING

Tying the knot in a winter wonderland

While winter weddings are the norm on sunny beaches all over the world, our often unpredictably cold Canadian winters make them more of a rare occasion here.

On top of the potentially frigid conditions for outdoor wedding party photos, the weather can also wreak havoc on guests' travel plans.

"Weather conditions are usually a primary concern — late and cancelled flights, slippery roads. Five centimetres on the road, your grandparents are staying home," said Elise Schmitz, owner of Toast Events.

Weather is also a factor when it comes to the flowers. While tulips and peonies aren't available during the winter months, there are still plenty of fresh flower options that are but special precautions need to be taken to ensure they can withstand the cold long enough to hold up through the ceremony and photos.

"In a church wedding, for example, when the bride walks back down the aisle with her bouquet, it needs to be put back in a box for her to go outside. She cannot walk out with her bouquet like summer or springtime or it will die right away," said Wadia Oneid, owner of Beaudry Flowers, an exhibitor at this weekend's Wedding Palace Bridal Show.

Winter weather can change everything on your big day — but there are some perks. ISTOCK

While a winter wedding certainly isn't for the faint of heart, chilly weather aside, there are a range of perks in planning your nuptials during the colder months.

For starters, your dollar will stretch further. While they may not slash prices, Schmitz said, many wedding vendors will add to their services in the winter. That could mean a photographer who charges $3,500 for a 10-hour package in the summer may offer a 12-hour package with a complementary custom photo album for the same rate in the winter.

"Your dream vendors will also likely have more availability from November to April, which means you can take your time in choosing the vendors that are the right fit for you without feeling that pressure during peak booking season," Schmitz added.

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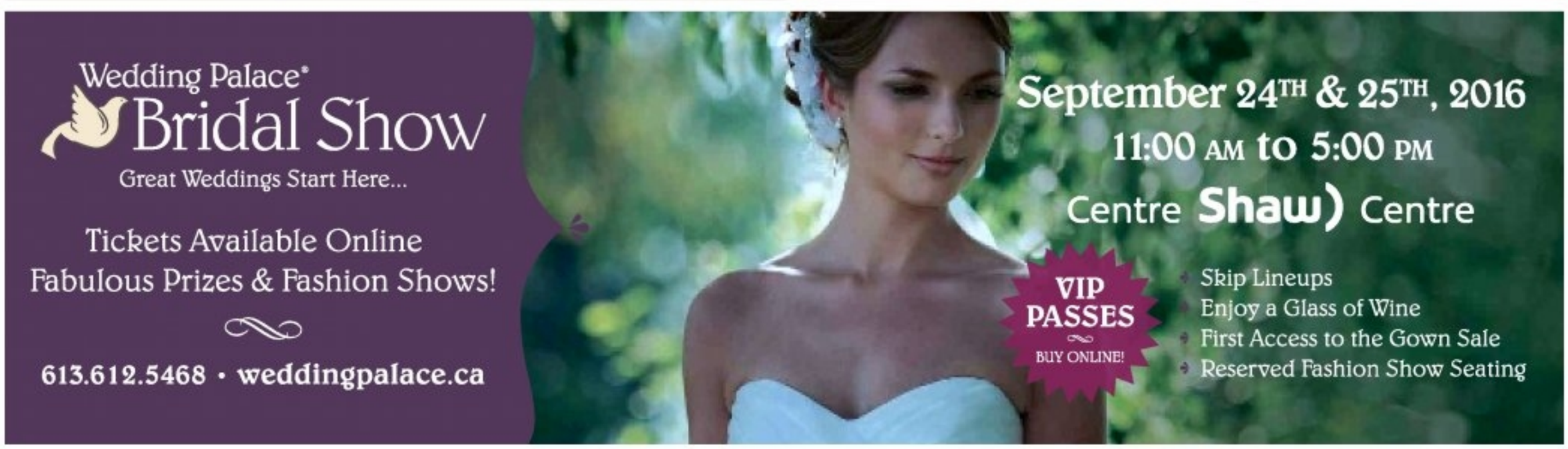

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The New York estate where Jackie Kennedy spent childhood summers is on sale for $39 million

MEET THE CONDO

Family-friendly project in Orléans

Project overview

Summerside West, a collection of townhomes and detached models in Orléans, just opened their newest release on Sept. 10. The affordable community is already in an established area. Homeowners can look forward to moving in next summer or into fall 2017.

In the neighbourhood

The site is an ideal choice for families. The neighbourhood has a centrally located 27-acre park featuring a pond that is perfect for outdoor activities or to gather with neighbours and friends. As well, there are nearby gyms, squash courts, arenas and public pools. Place d'Orléans also offers numerous shopping, entertainment and dining options.

Housing amenities

Summerside West offers a wide range of homes that vary dramatically in size and model type. Homeowners can enjoy excellent streetscapes and a community feel. The homes offer architect's choice options that allow buyers to choose alternate predetermined custom designs for kitchens, bathrooms, lofts or bedrooms.

Location and transit

The site has access to main roads like Tenth Line and Mer Bleue. Residents can easily connect to bus routes or Hwy 174, which makes getting to downtown Ottawa quick and straightforward. The area is close to multiple schools, recreation facilities and grocery options.

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NEED TO KNOW

What: Summerside West
Builder: Mattamy Homes
Designer: Q4 Architects Inc.
Location: Off of Tenth Line Road
Building: Townhomes and detached homes
Size: 1,100 square feet to 3,218 square feet
Pricing: Starting from $234,990
Model: Two to four bedrooms, 1.5 to 3.5 bathrooms
Status: Now selling
Occupancy: July 2017
Sales centre: 2496 Tenth Line Rd. Orléans
Phone: 613-837-5056
Website: mattamyhomes.com

MOVIES

Harry Potter's home for sale

A suburban house that starred onscreen as Harry Potter's childhood home is on the market — complete with a cupboard under the stairs.

Fans of the boy wizard will recognize 12 Picket Post Close as 4 Privet Drive, home of Harry's dastardly aunt and uncle, the Dursleys.

The couple grudgingly took Harry in after his parents were murdered and made him sleep in a cupboard under the stairs.

The house in Bracknell, 50 kilometres west of London, was a location featured in the 2001 film Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. A studio set of the house was built for later installments of the eight-film series.

Real estate agency Chancellors says the three-bedroom house "has recently undergone complete renovation to an extremely high standard."

It's listed at a price of 475,000 pounds ($616,000 US.)

Real estate agent Paul Bosanko said "the original plan was to take this property to market without using any reference to Harry Potter."

But since news of the connection got out, interest has shot up, "and that may or may not influence the final price that we achieve at this property," Bosanko said.

Neighbour Karen Field said that the house still attracts Potter fans a decade-and-a-half after the film crews left. When the movie first came out, "there were tour buses, literally tour buses coming down the road," Field said. "It's a lot quieter now," she said. "School holidays, you still get people coming along." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The house at 12 Picket Drive is selling for $616,000 US . THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

How to create a garden to fall for

GREENSPACE

Planting, pruning, composting are all key

Mark Cullen
For Torstar News Service

The kids are safely ensconced in school, but the yard and garden look neglected. Fear not: this is a great time of year to bring new life to your green spaces.

I am here to help.

Plant

I have planted most of my permanent gardens in the early fall. If you were a plant, you would understand: evening temperatures are dropping and there will be one last push of growth on most shrubs and evergreens.

Roses will put on one more show of colour before they go dormant. When you plant in September and early October, you introduce roots to soil at the ideal time of year. Trees, shrubs, evergreens and perennials put down new roots before the hard frosts of late autumn.

Prune

Now is a great time to prune a cedar hedge (one of the most-asked questions on my website). It is easy to do with a sharp pair of garden shears.

A haircut now will encourage one last spurt of new growth that will fill the plants in nicely. September is an excellent month to prune junipers, yews (taxus) and boxwood, as well.

Thicken and green up your lawn

After a long, dry summer your lawn may look tired and full of brown patches. To bring it back to life, apply a quality slow-release nitrogen product with iron for best results now. Later in the fall, in late October or November, apply a quality fall lawn food to strengthen it for the winter season ahead.

While you're at it, overseed bare patches. Rake out dead grass, spread lawn soil or triple mix over the area about five to seven centimetres thick. Spread quality grass seed over the area by hand, rake smoothly with a fan rake and step on it with flat-soled shoes to put the soil and seed in firm contact. Water thoroughly until germinated.

Dig and divide

Have a hosta that has outgrown its space? A monarda/bee balm that has moved where it is not wanted? The Shasta daisies that are pushing up where they don't belong? Dig them up now, divide them into smaller portions and replant them around the yard. Or give them away to friends and neighbours. On the other hand, there are many "perennial plant exchanges" in every community: why not take part? Trade in your unwanted perennials for some new, better behaved ones. Check out community events at your local library or horticultural club. Note: when replanting divisions, prepare the soil well with plenty of compost and water them well.

Compost

Speaking of compost, this is compost season. If you don't have a composting unit, consider buying or building one. If you do have one, empty it onto existing soil in your garden where earthworms will make a meal of it and leave behind nitrogen-rich castings.

Or you can turn it under with a shovel, if you are feeling ambitious. When you place raw material, such as kitchen scraps and soft-tissue yard waste into your composting unit, mix it up and add some composted cattle manure to introduce beneficial bacteria and microbes.

Reflect

While our gardens peaked about a month ago, there is still a lot of colour out there to enjoy. Walk around your neighbourhood, local parks and public gardens and observe what is going on there. Are there plants that appeal to you? Garden design concepts? Unusual trees or shrubs? If you want to take this further, I encourage you to call a garden designer this time of year. They are generally not as busy now as they were in the spring and have more time to focus on your ideas and questions about your garden.

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It may be September, but there's plenty that can be done to keep a garden going into the fall. ISTOCK

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Formula E, the world's first fully electric racing series, will stage the first FIA-sanctioned open-wheel race within the five boroughs of N.Y.C.

MacKinnon gives young team a shot to advance

WORLD CUP OF HOCKEY

North America beats Sweden in overtime

When Nathan MacKinnon deked Henrik Lundqvist out for a highlight-reel overtime goal and got mobbed by teammates, he couldn't be happier.

Minutes later, MacKinnon found out that the 4-3 victory over Sweden on Wednesday wasn't enough to get Team North America into the semifinals at the World Cup of Hockey. The most exciting show on ice has two victories and a one-goal loss but needs Finland to beat Russia on Thursday to advance.

"Maybe we shouldn't have celebrated so hard," MacKinnon said.

Everything the 23-and-under Team North America does is over the top, most importantly the skill that has made it the focus of the World Cup. Despite playing the two most entertaining games of the tournament, North America is in wait-and-see mode while Sweden is the winner of Group B after getting the point it needed.

Henrik Lundqvist stopped 45 of 49 shots to get Sweden into the semifinals after a horrendous start by the skaters in front of him.

"We gave him a rough start," said two-time Norris Trophy winner Erik Karlsson, who fell victim to the speed of North America's Connor McDavid and Johnny Gaudreau early. "As a goaltender, I don't think I can even imagine how it feels to be that kind of left alone and let in two quick goals. How we can rebound from that I have no idea."

Auston Matthews scored on a 2-on-1 with McDavid 30 seconds in, and Vincent Trocheck made it 2-0 North America 95 seconds in. Lundqvist stopped a few breakaways and Gaudreau's penalty shot to keep it from getting out of hand.

WEDNESDAY In Toronto

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N. AMERICA	SWEDEN

Sweden eventually got a handle on North America's blazing speed, which made the best defence in the tournament look pedestrian.

"We had no choice. We had to. Otherwise it was going to be a disaster," Karlsson said. "They gave us a slap in the face right away."

North America is one big slap in the face to unsuspecting opponents, who know how fast the mix of U.S. and Canadian players is but can't possibly adjust to it before seeing it. Gaudreau later scored for North America, but Sweden got goals from Filip Forsberg, Nicklas Backstrom and Patrik Berglund to get to overtime.

With starting goalie Matt Murray out with a thumb injury, John Gibson stopped 35 of the 38 shots he faced. He looked shaky at times but stopped Daniel Sedin on a breakaway in overtime as one of a few memorable, important saves. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Team North America celebrates a 4-3 overtime win over Sweden on a goal by Nathan MacKinnon on Wednesday. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

Go to metronews.ca for coverage of the Canada-Europe game on Wednesday night.

Physical approach a flop for Team USA

Phil Kessel took his shot.

Left off of Team USA along with a number of other highly skilled Americans, the Stanley Cup-winning Pittsburgh Penguins winger tweeted after Tuesday night's 4-2 loss to Canada: "Just sitting around the house tonight (with) my dog. Felt like I should be doing something important, but couldn't put my finger on it."

U.S. management went with a sandpaper style of play that almost resulted in a gold medal at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics but hasn't worked since. Centre David Backes said he believes that style of hockey can still win if executed correctly.

"To come here and flop like we did is extremely disappointing," defenceman Ryan Suter added. "Obviously we have to examine ourselves and what more could we have done and how can we get better for future tournaments."

The 0-2 start revealed the Americans brought too much physicality to a skill game. Canada, Russia, Team North America and others have thrived with fast-paced, entertaining hockey.

Kessel was the Americans' leading scorer and best player at the 2014 Sochi Olympics, but he was left off the roster. Hand surgery after the playoffs may have put his availability in doubt, but USA Hockey's management team clearly overlooked him. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB

Gattis, Astros cap 3-game sweep of A's

Evan Gattis homered twice, catcher Jason Castro threw out a runner to end the game and the contending Houston Astros beat the Oakland Athletics 6-5 on Wednesday to complete a sweep.

The Astros began the day two games behind Baltimore for the second AL wild-card spot.

Gattis reached 30 homers. He hit a two-run drive in the sixth off Daniel Mengden (2-8) for a 4-1 lead and connected again in the eighth. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jose Altuve tags out Arismendy Alcantara to end the game on Wednesday in Oakland. EZRA SHAW/GETTY IMAGES

IN BRIEF

United ends losing streak, sets up Manchester Derby

Get ready for Jose Mourinho vs. Pep Guardiola, part II.

Manchester United ended a run of three straight losses by capitalizing on two goalkeeper mistakes to beat third-tier Northampton 3-1 in the third round of the League Cup on Wednesday.

The reward wasn't kind for United: a match against Manchester City in the last 16 next month. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Peterson requires surgery

Adrian Peterson will have surgery on his right knee to repair a torn meniscus, putting his season and perhaps his 10-year run with Minnesota in question.

Adrian Peterson GETTY IMAGES

But the Vikings have held off for now on placing the franchise's all-time leading rusher on injured reserve. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RACE RELATIONS

NFL MVP weighs in on police shooting

While Cam Newton called the latest police shooting in Charlotte, N.C., "embarrassing," the Carolina Panthers quarterback says he's not rushing to any judgments until he has more information.

> **We also as black people have to do right by ourselves.**
> Cam Newton

The league MVP did have some strong comments Wednesday about social injustice and the African-American community.

"My big thing is holding people accountable no matter what the race, no matter what the gender is, no matter what the age is," Newton said Wednesday.

Keith Lamont Scott, a 43-year-old African-American man, was shot and killed Tuesday by a black police officer. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RECIPE Black Bean Burger

PHOTO: MAYA VISNYEI

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

We love this recipe for two main reasons: it uses the pantry staple of a can of black beans and it's full of flavour. OK, one more reason: It's fast.

Ready in 20 minutes
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 2 x 14 oz cans of black beans, rinsed
- 1/4 cup of panko or regular bread crumbs
- 2 tsp cumin
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- 1/4 tsp cayenne
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup fresh cilantro
- 3 Tbsp oil

Directions

1. Place 1 can of beans, panko, cumin, oregano, cayenne and egg into a blender. Pulse it together until it forms a goopy paste.

2. Empty the blender contents into a bowl. Stir in the other can of beans and the cilantro. Use your hands to form into patties. Don't make them too big or you'll have hard time with flipping.

3. Heat oil in a pan to medium then gently place patties in. Cook for 5 minutes — without touching! — then carefully flip with a thin, flexible spatula. Cook for another 5 minutes on the other side. Serve on a bun with your favourite toppings, like tomato, avocado, lettuce, salsa, spicy mayo.

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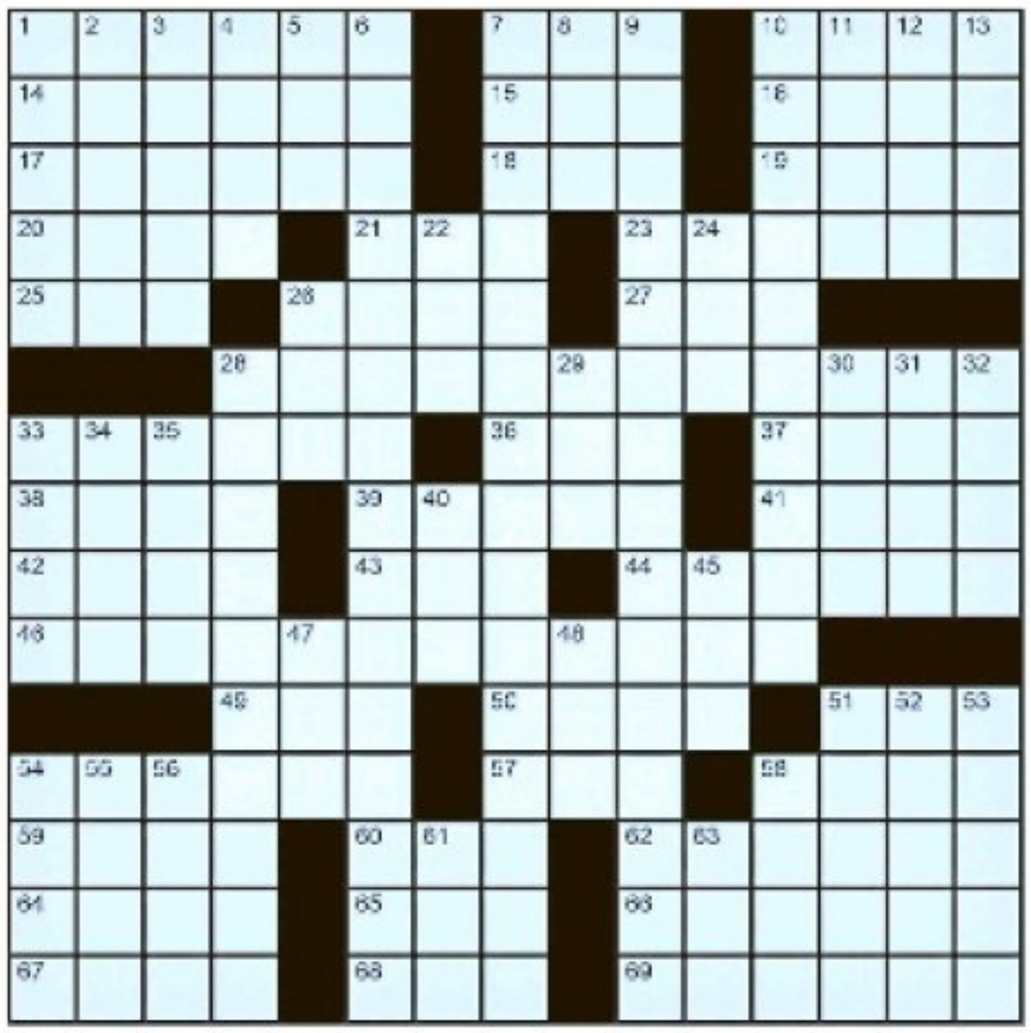
CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



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23. Barry Manilow's "_ _ the Songs"
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64. Marie-Francoise's friend
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9. Ottawa-born star Lorne Greene's character of Ben Cartwright on "Bonanza": 2 wds.
10. Canada vessels project... AOPS = Arctic/Offshore _ _
11. Minnie Mouse's pet dog
12. Achievement
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24. Network
26. Owns
28. Truthfulnesses
29. Pinnacle
30. "I got _ _..." (When the morning riser rose)
31. Architect Mr. Saarinen
32. Beautiful bird
33. Ballet bounce
34. Ms. Swenson of "Benson"
35. Jerome of stage shows
40. 'P' in literary monogram EAP
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52. Keep _ _ home (Regularly tidy the house)
53. Ballet class handrail
54. Snare
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61. US teeth docs org.
63. Fair-hiring letters

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
In the next four weeks, you will need more sleep. This also is a good time to learn more about your style of relating to those who are closest to you.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Do whatever you can to get better organized in the next four weeks, because you want to be efficient, productive and effective in everything you do. This is your plan.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Grab every opportunity to take a vacation or play in the next few weeks. Enjoy lighthearted times with children, sports events and the arts.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Home and family will be your primary focus in the month ahead. Redecorating projects will particularly appeal.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Short trips, increased reading and writing plus conversations with siblings and relatives will characterize the next month. You'll be busy!

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Think of ways to boost your income in the next month, because you will certainly do this now and in the next two years. Ideas? Write them down.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
During the next four weeks, you have a chance to recharge your batteries for the rest of the year. You also will attract important people and favorable situations to you.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Start to plan what you want your new year (birthday to birthday) to be all about. You have one month to do this. Write down some goals with deadlines.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Enjoy increased popularity in the next few weeks while you schmooze with friends. Many of you will join clubs, groups and associations as well.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
This is the one time of year when you look really great to your bosses. Use the next four weeks to demand the advantage and get permission for something you want to do.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Take advantage of any opportunity to travel or get further training and education during the next four weeks, because you want to expand your world! Go, go, go!

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Do what you can to wrap up loose details about inheritances and shared property in the next few weeks. You will accomplish this quite easily.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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